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REMARKS

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed in the application on January 2, 2008. Claims 1-11 are pending.

In the Office Action, the Examiner reminded Applicants regarding the proper format for the abstract of the disclosure. Applicants have amended the Abstract appearing on the cover page of the International Application No. PCT/US2003/019501, on which this U.S. application is based, and also include herewith a new separate page to be added to Applicants' specification showing the Abstract as amended herein.

Applicant has amended the specification in response to the Examiner's objections thereto. In particular, the shape of the bars 40 is of no moment to this application. Thus, Applicant has amended this application to make clear that the bars could be the shape shown in Figure 3, or the shape shown in Figure 4. With this, it is submitted that the objection to the drawings and the objection to the specification should be overcome.

With regard to the Examiner's question regarding the vertical support, as disclosed, the crossing members 32 fit closely between the walls 51 and 53. Due to this, the car follower 22 will tend to move vertically with the car 28 (Page 4, lines 16-19 of Applicants' specification). That is, they do not "float" as questioned by the Examiner. However, the slight clearance does allow the horizontal adjustment due to the magnets.

The control is disclosed as being something that would be within the skill of a worker in this art, given the remainder of Applicant's disclosure. That is, the vibrations, etc. that would be eliminated with this invention would be something that a worker in this art would know how to sense, and how to quantify.

For these reasons, it is submitted the objections to the specification should be withdrawn.

Reconsideration of the prior art rejections is requested. The Examiner acknowledges that the He, et al. reference does not disclose a repulsive force. As explained in Applicant's specification, a repulsive force would be much better for reducing vibrations than an attractive force. Applicant does not see where the Kurosawa, et al. Japanese reference discloses anything about a repulsive force. Even so, there would

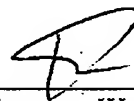
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be no reason to utilize a repulsive force in the He, et al. system, in that He, et al. has several interactive magnets facing several different directions. Each would have to have repulsive forces, and there is no showing that the combination of all of these magnets would operate properly with repulsive forces, nor is there any proposed reason to change these magnets.

Moreover, the Examiner has not supplied an English translation of the Kurosawa, et al. reference. If the Examiner maintains this rejection, he is asked to supply a complete translation, as is required by the applicable rules.

For the reasons set forth above, it is submitted all claims are allowable. An indication of such is in order and solicited. Applicant believes that no additional fees are necessary, however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1482 in the name of Carlson, Gaskey & Olds for any additional fees or credit the account for any overpayment.

Respectfully submitted,

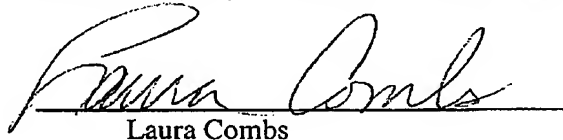


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